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Central Utah Interagency Fire Operations Committee

I. AUTHORITY

The Central Utah Interagency Fire Operations Committee (OPS Group) operates under the authority from the Central Utah Interagency Fire Management Officers Group (FMO Group) and the Central Utah Interagency annual operating plan. This charter is approved annually as part of the annual operating plan. The OPS committee may revise this charter annually with concurrence from the Central Utah Interagency FMO Group.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

Promote safety, efficiency, professionalism and coordination in Central Utah wildland fire/aviation management operations and personnel development.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of the OPS Group is to network and share information on, and coordinate Central Utah interagency fire programs, projects, facilities and resources with the goal of becoming more integrated, safe, and effective and cost efficient within fire management operations.

IV. OBJECTIVES

- ❑ Coordinate, recommend and share interagency fire operations information with the Central Utah Interagency Fire Board, the Central Utah FMO Group, members of this committee as well as their represented agency employees. Support agency goals and objectives.
- ❑ Make recommendations to the FMO Group.
- ❑ Share information and technology with local units.
- ❑ Maintain a local training network to encourage technology and information transfer between Land management units.
- ❑ Assist the FMO Group in developing a Central Utah trainee assignment list with priorities to facilitate completion of individual task books.
- ❑ Develop and maintain Type 3 Team SOP for FMO Group approval.
- ❑ Develop and maintain Type 2 Handcrew SOP for FMO Group approval.
- ❑ Develop and maintain Off Unit Engine Rotation for FMO Group approval.
- ❑ Update and maintain the incoming resource book annually for FMO Group approval.
- ❑ Review the Incident Organizer annually for FMO Group approval.
- ❑ Conduct the Type 3 team selections for approval by the FMO Group.
- ❑ Fulfill any other tasks or assignments as delegated by the FMO Group.
- ❑ Recognize National, Regional, and local conditions the Ops committee will advocate to make resources available for off unit assignments.

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V. MEMBERSHIP & STRUCTURE

A. Membership:

The OPS Group is made up of representatives from the Bureau of Land Management; Fillmore Field Office & Richfield Field Office, U.S. Forest Service; Fishlake National Forest, National Park Service, and State of Utah, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

B. Structure:

The OPS Group includes members with the following responsibilities:

Chairperson: The chairperson is responsible for scheduling meetings, developing meeting agendas, facilitating meetings and developing required correspondence to meet objectives. In the event of a tie vote, the chairperson will be the deciding vote.

The Chairperson will act as the representative to the Central Utah Interagency FMO Group.

Vice-Chairperson: The Vice-Chair serves to support the Chairperson in developing agendas and facilitating OPS Group meetings, attending other group meetings where OPS Group representation is required, and assists with other duties critical to meeting OPS Group objectives. The Vice-Chair serves as an essential back-up to the Chairperson, and assumes direct leadership in the absence of the Chair.

Both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will rotate out on alternating years to retain consistency in the leadership of this group.

Voting Members Include:

- ☐ State of Utah
- ☐ Color Country District BLM
- ☐ Fishlake National Forest
- ☐ West Desert District BLM
- ☐ Capitol Reef National Park

Each unit entity is allowed one vote. Unit entity vote can be done through proxy.

Interagency FMO Group Advisor: One representative from the Interagency FMO Group shall be assigned to the OPS Group as an advisor. Upon final approval of all documents updated by the Ops Group, the FMO Group Advisor will email the final version to the Ops Group Chair.

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C. Committee Tenure:

Chairperson: Serves a one-year term.

Vice-Chairperson: Serves as Vice-Chair for one year, and assumes the role of Chairperson the following year.

Rotation:

- ☐ 2016 FS
- ☐ 2017 CCD BLM
- ☐ 2018 FS
- ☐ 2019 East State
- ☐ 2020 FS
- ☐ 2021 WDD BLM
- ☐ 2022 FS
- ☐ 2023 West State

D. Meetings:

The committee may assign individuals or task groups to action items. Upon completion of each action item, the assigned party will be responsible for reporting back to the committee and present the findings or actions at the next scheduled meeting. Emailing the information to the Chairperson may be done as well. Results will be in draft format prior to distribution. A vote of the majority of voting members must take place should a recommendation need to be resolved.

The OPS Group will meet at least twice a year. Additional meetings or conference calls will be scheduled as needed.

VI. Central Utah Interagency Fire OPS Group 2016

*Voting Member

OPS Group Representation	Name	Position
Fillmore (BLM)	Vacant	Fire Operations Supervisor
Little Sahara (BLM)*	Jay Beckstrand	Fire Operations Supervisor
Richfield (BLM)*	Jeff Bergfeld (Vice Chair)	Fire Operations Supervisor
Richfield (USFS)	Glen Chappell (Chair)	District AFMO
Beaver (USFS)	Clay Matheson	District AFMO
Fillmore (USFS)	Ken Wright	District AFMO
Fremont River (USFS)*	Greg Coleman	District AFMO
Capitol Reef NP (NPS)*	Scott Brown	Lead Ranger
Utah (East State)*	Matt Christensen	State Fire Warden – Tri-County Area
Utah (West State)	Brett Ostler	State Fire Warden – Juab County
Dispatch	Cheryl Carpenter	Center Manager
Training	Noni Dalton	Training Officer
FMO Group Advisor	Gary Bishop	WDD AFMO